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The following admixture of fact and opinion is generally well known but is disseminated for any interest it might hold.

- Forty percent of the people in Split are unemployed. Included in this group are individuals against the regime, former prisoners, and those not used to manual labor and for whom the state cannot find another type of job.
- 2. The people are pleased to have the Americans in Yugoslavia. But the Americans have been cooperating with Tito for four years and the people have not benefited. It is not clear whether the Americans are supporting his dictatorship or putting pressure on him to democratize Yugoslavia. It is feltuin Dalmatia that the political and economic situation would improve if there were an opposition party in Yugoslavia. If the Americans do not put pressure on Tito regarding this issue they are in the same category as the Russians were, accomplices to Tito's dictatorship.
- 3. The Communist Party of Yugoslavia is gradually becoming weaker. Many Communists have been arrested on the grounds of being Cominformists.

 Old Party members are in conflict with new members who have joined the Party for opportunist motives. A rather large number of old Communists are dissatisfied with Tito's policies. They suffer and take a passive attitude for which they cannot be punished.
- 4. People are passive and the peasant grows just enough to feed itself. Cooperatives at present exist only in rich regions of Dalmatia. The peasants despise the regime and are waiting for an opportune moment to express their matred.

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5. In Split numerous official delegations live lavishly. They frequently have banquets which are paid for by the state. People complain that officials eat and drink at the expense of the impoverished populace. It is felt that Tito is doing his best to remain in power against the will of the people.

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